## ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 22000.0110U2 PATENT

SP 1 6 2002

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RECEIVED

In re A	application of	)	# 9 A SEP 18 2002
EAPD	EVILA et al.	)	G 13 FECH CENTER 1600/2900
	<b>√</b>	)	Group Art Unit: 1614
Serial No. 09/942,429		)	
		)	Examiner: Unassigned
Filed:	August 29, 2001	)	
P. C.	<b>(</b>	)	
For:	COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS	)	
	RELATING TO HYPERTENSION	)	

## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

NEEDLE & ROSENBERG, P.C. The Candler Building 127 Peachtree Street, N.E. Atlanta, Georgia 30303-1811

September 6, 2002

Sir:

Prior to the examination on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

## **IN THE SPECIFICATION**

At page 1, after the title of the invention insert--

## **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

A

This invention was made with government support under the National Institutes of Health-National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (Grant DK38226) and the National Institutes of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (Grant AR02002).

The U.S. Government may have certain rights in this invention..--